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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amdt 3/21/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 042104 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

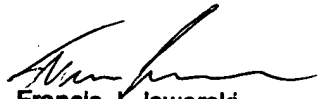
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


Francis J. Jaworski
Primary Examiner

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Schuman et al (US6349143) in fig. 8 indicates how the Brooks et al workstation may be applied as was mentioned in the former but in the context that such workstations are 'off-line' devices as opposed to ultrasound imaging systems and which do not require that the user be familiar with an ultrasound imaging system so as to be able to perform setup operations. Zachmann et al (US6535615) is directed to interactive operations on an ultrasound reviewing station not an ultrasound imaging system.

Groezienger (US6101407) intertains remote configuration of an imaging system without use of an image gallery but by conventional setup means, col. 4 lines 8-26.

Kinicki et al (US6464636) is directed to software-controlled imager configuring based upon user inputs of selected parameter ranges.

Criton (US6447453) col. 3 lines 25-39 is directed to user selection of different images in a gallery sequence however the images are of a temporal sequence at given imager settings and the process does not pertain to the setting up or selection of settings for the ultrasound imaging system.

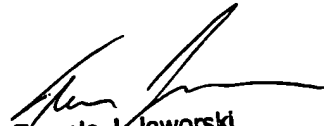
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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